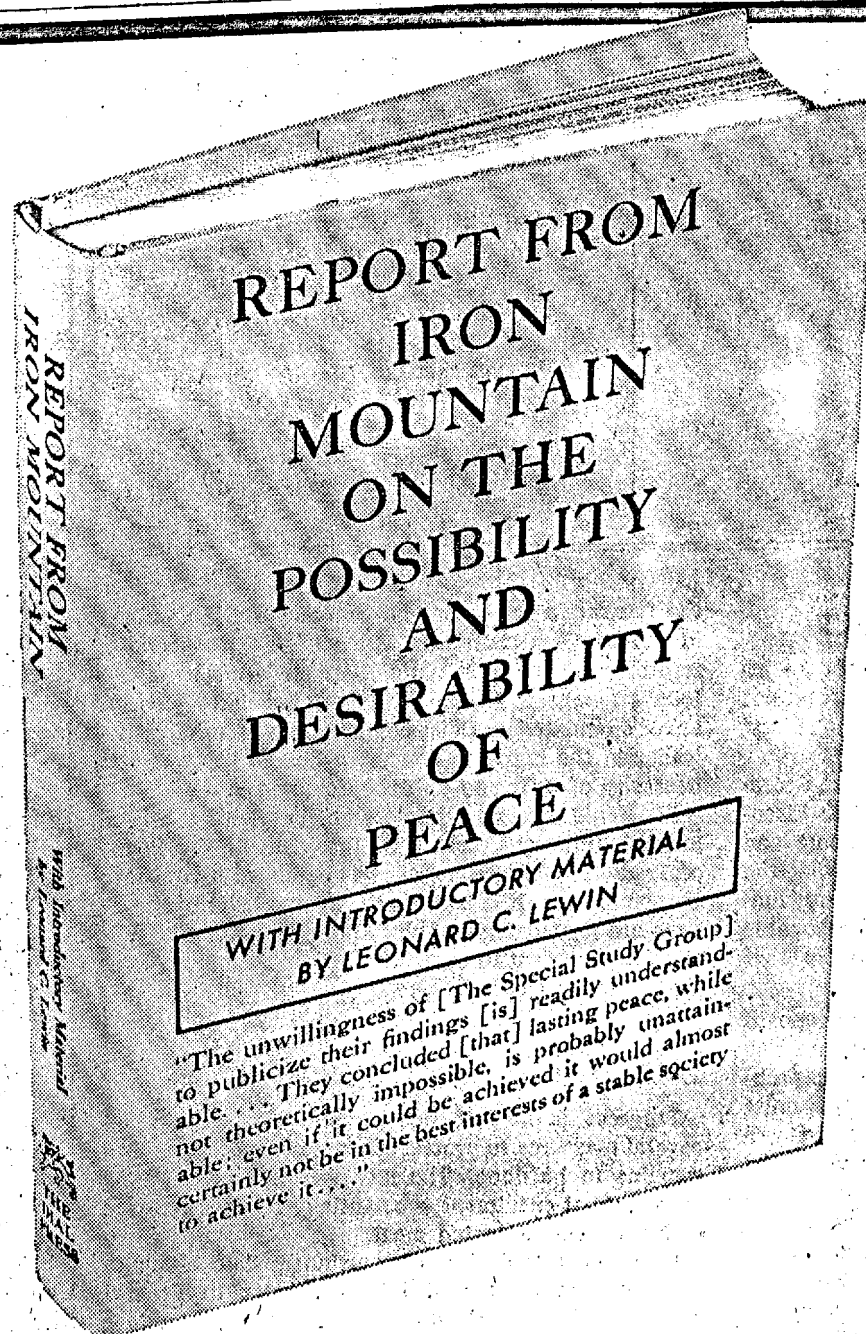


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**"This book is causing
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*"The book purports to be based on a secret, Government-financed study by top experts. Its conclusion is that endless war may be good for the U.S. Some say it is grimly serious. Others call it leg-pulling satire. Whatever the truth, it is something of a sensation in high places. Sources close to the White House revealed that the Administration is alarmed. These sources say cables have gone to U.S. embassies, with stern instructions: Play down public discussion of 'Iron Mountain'; emphasize that the book has no relation whatsoever to Government policy."—*U.S. News & World Report*

"A shocker . . . so substantively original, acute, interesting and horrifying, that it will receive serious attention regardless of its origin. Its basic argument is that social stability is, and has always been, based on a war system; and that, contrary to the 'incorrect assumption that war, as an institution, is subordinate to the social system it is believed to serve . . . war itself is the basic social system'. The prospect the report outlines is truly Orwellian. It includes planned but credible 'threats' from an 'enemy', a space research program that is deliberately costly and deliberately unproductive, programmed air and water pollution, computer-controlled procreation, the reintroduction of slavery and possibly ritual-killing and genocide."—ELIOT FREMONT-SMITH, *The New York Times*

"If the *Report from Iron Mountain* makes scholars and statesmen think more seriously about peace and how to achieve it — the book will have served its purpose as satire."—WALTER CRONKITE, *CBS Dimension*

'Secret U.S. Report' Describes Price of Peace as Catastrophic.

"The book is variously described as 'a harmless subterfuge,' 'a hair-raising analysis,' 'the sinister work of a sick mind,' and 'a serious fraud.' It is *Report from Iron Mountain: On the Possibility and Desirability of Peace*, published by The Dial Press, and described as a suppressed Government report arguing that the world would face an unparalleled catastrophe if the world ever achieved peace.

"If it's authentic, it's an enormous roaring scandal," said Lee Rainwater, a sociologist at Washington University in St. Louis. "If it's caricature, it's a brilliant job. There are people who really think like that." — from a front-page story by JOHN LEO in *The New York Times*

"*Report from Iron Mountain* is a skillful hoax. Who wrote it? Likely candidates were canvassed. Richard Goodwin and Economist Kenneth E. Boulding both denied authorship. An even likelier candidate, John Kenneth Galbraith, hedged."—*Time*

"A pre-publication sensation. No wonder. It purports to be a high-level, once-secret Government study of war and peace. Its chilling conclusion is that continuation of war is 'indispensable' to the stability of our society and possibly even to its survival."—*Wall Street Journal*

"The public is not now prepared to deal rationally with the kind of discussion this report will provoke. This was inevitable. The reaction to war, hitherto, has been moralistic, emotional and even oratorical. This is the first study of its social role to be grounded firmly in modern social science and buttressed by modern empirical techniques as extended and refined by computer technology. As I would put my personal reputation behind the authenticity of this document, so I would testify to the validity of its conclusions. My reservations relate only to the wisdom of releasing it to an obviously unconditioned public." — HERSCHEL MCLANDRESS, the noted psychometricist, in *Book World*

"As strange and as chilling a book of non-fiction as I have ever read. For its parallel I would have to cite a work of fiction — George Orwell's *Nineteen Eighty-Four*. But its publishers have accepted and presented it as nonfiction. Leonard C. Lewin says in his introduction that a real government committee wrote a real report and that this is it. I'll accept the book as genuine . . . The Special Study group may have done a good job, and perhaps a necessary one. I wish that it hadn't done it, and that I hadn't had to read its book."—HOKE NORRIS, *Chicago Sun-Times Book Week*

On November 12, 1967, *Report from Iron Mountain on the Possibility and Desirability of Peace*
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